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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, Applicants select Group I (claims 1-13) drawn to an insulating substrate with traverse.

The restriction requirement has been justified on the grounds that the substrate of the capacitor device does not necessarily have to have a glass powder of certain recited materials. That is clearly not valid since the claims of Group II are dependent upon of the claims of Group I and therefore necessarily include the same glass powder. Since the entire search area has not been outlined, it is also apparent that the separate classification setting forth only the primary class and subclass is not complete. It is respectfully submitted that an identification of the entire search area will indicate that the search imposes no undue burden on the Patent Office.

Early further consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

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